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1. Originally, the 13 December and the I. C. Frimu enterprises at Bucharest, consisting of two mills and an oil factory, and one mill and a bakery, respectively, were two independent enterprises. Each had its own administration, which was in charge of both types of production - flour mills and factories. This system was at first continued after both enterprises had been nationalized. In 1950, however, the two organizations were broken up, all three mills coming under the State Agricultural Products Committee, and the oil factory and the bakery under the Oil Factories and Bakeries Commissions of the Food Production Ministry, respectively. As a result, both the 13 December Flour Mill and the I. C. Frimu Flour Mill now have two administrations each, one for the mills and one for the processing factories.

2. The 13 December group is located at Soseaua Stefan Cel Mare no. 139, Bucharest. It employs 700 men in the two mills and the oil factory. There are two Managing Committees, one for the mills and one for the oil factory. Each Committee consists of a Manager, a Chief Accountant and a Technical Director. In addition, there is a Production Manager and an Assistant Production Manager for the two mills, and also for the oil factory. A diesel generator (500 H.P.) supplies the electric power for the 13 December group. Mill A has 20 rolling mills for crushing the grain, 10 sorting machines, 14 sifters, a cleaning plant, a bleaching plant, and drying chambers. The machinery is of German manufacture, some bearing the trade name Braunschweig. Although 25 years old it is still in good condition and very carefully attended to as it is impossible to obtain spare parts. Mill B has the identical equipment, except that there are only 12 sifters. The oil factory has two rolling mills for de-husking the oil seed, three distilling machines, four refining machines, eight storage tanks, and cleaning machinery. This machinery is also old and of German make. There are also two silos, to hold 5,000 tons each, one for grain and one for sunflower seeds, divided into compartments to hold 180 tons apiece. The silos

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are fitted with separate bunkers and unloading conveyors that permit the rapid discharge of railway cars. Grain and seeds are also conveyed directly from the silos up to the mills and the factory. There is a large storage depot for flour, with a capacity of 4,000 tons. The depot is served by small electrically propelled wagons to carry the flour. A railway siding and branch line connects with the Obor station in Bucharest. Mills A and B have the capacity of 100 and 80 tons of flour per 24 hours respectively, working three shifts. The flour is of 85% extraction, and is intended for local use. The production of the oil factory is 900 tons per month, also working three shifts. The quality is good; the oil is for local consumption.

3. The I. C. Frimu Flour Mill is located at Soseaua Stefan Cel Mare no. 69. Four hundred and fifty men are employed at the mill and bakery. The I. C. Frimu corporation is run on the same lines as the 13 December Flour Mill. Two diesel generators furnish the electric power, each developing 500 H.P. Only one is in use at a time, the second being held in reserve for breakdowns. There are also 24 rolling mills for crushing the grain, 10 sorting machines, 12 sifters, a modern cleaning plant, a bleaching plant, and drying chambers. This machinery also bears the Braunschweig trade mark. It is dated 1935, is of modern design and is in good condition. The bakery has 27 ovens, which are operated by steam. A silo, divided into separate bunkers, holds only 1,500 tons, and therefore has to be constantly refilled. There is a flour storage depot with a capacity of 400 tons, also serviced by electrically driven wagons. There is a railway siding and branch line from Obor station, similar to that of the 13 December group. The mill has a capacity of 100 tons of wheat and 40 tons of rye per 24 hours, working three shifts. The flour is of 85% extraction and is intended for local use. The bakery produces 120,000 kgs. of bread per 24 hours, working three shifts. Although the 85% extraction already causes the flour to retain a high proportion of moisture, the Soviets have introduced a method by which additional water is added to the flour in order to effect an even greater saving of flour. To make this possible, the bread is baked in special forms that prevent the excessively soft crust from crumbling. By this means, 50 grams of flour can be saved on each kilogram loaf, making an estimated saving of 50,000 tons of flour per year.

4. All flour mills in Rumania are under the supervision of the State Agricultural Products Committee which buys up cereals and other agricultural products from the farmers, who are compelled to sell to the Committee. [REDACTED]

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- a. The Committee occupies the premises of the former Central Social Insurance Fund in Soseaua Republici, Bucharest.
- b. The Committee is considered a Ministry, its head ranking as a Minister.
- c. The organization is managed by a Committee of Directors consisting of six or seven persons, and is presided over by Moghioros, one of the leaders of the Central Committee of the Rumanian Communist Party.
- d. The Committee is divided into three sections, dealing with technical matters, the purchase of products, and the the supervision of mills, respectively.

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- 25X1 5. [] wheat consumption in Bucharest and the whole of Rumania. For local consumption every consumer of wheat receives a ration of 500 grams of flour a day for bread and other products made of flour. At 360 days a year and a population of 1,500,000 (including Soviets) the Bucharest mills would be required to produce 270,000 tons of flour annually. Of this total, the 13 December Flour Mill and the I. C. Frimu Flour Mill (Otto-Gagel) together produce 115,000 tons. Wheat production in Rumania at the present moment is approximately 2,800,000 tons annually. [] this figure on 3,500,000 hectares of sown wheat, with an average yield of 800 kgs. to the hectare). If 200 gks. of this are reserved per hectare as seed corn, this leaves an available harvest of 2,100,000 tons annually, or an export surplus of 1,380,000 tons over and above the 720,000 tons needed for home consumption. [] the surplus wheat production was handled by the Soviets, who export it on their own account. Rumanian wheat reserves are estimated at 500,000 tons. These are now no longer kept in Rumania, having been taken by the Soviets for "safe-keeping".

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Appendix I

PERSONALITIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Description</u>
Drajan	Manager of I. C. Frimu Flour Mill	40 years, medium height, dark
Epstein	Head of the Bakeries Department of the Food Ministry	50 years, short, dark
Moldovean	Head of the Flour Mills Section of of the State Agricultural Products Committee	45 years, medium height, stout, fair
Gheorghe Radu	Production Manager of the 13 December Flour Mill	40 years, medium height, strongly built, brown hair
Wolff	Technical Manager of the 13 December Flour Mill	40 years, tall, fair

Appendix II

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Plan

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| 1. | Tramline No. 1 running to St. George Place in center of town |
| 2. | Tramline No. 17 running to St. George Place in center of town |
| 3. | Soseaua Stefan Cel Mare |
| 4. | Entrance to 13 December Flour Mill |
| 5. | Mill A producing 80 tons of flour per 24 hours |
| 6. | Oil factory offices |
| 7. | Oil factory |
| 8. | Silos |
| 9. | Mill B producing 100 tons of flour per 24 hours |
| 10. | The flour storage depot |
| 11. | Mill offices |
| 12. | Railway siding |
| 13. | Total area of 13 December Flour Mill: 60,000 sq. meters |

Appendix III

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| 1. | Tramline No. 17 going to St. George Place in center of town |
| 2. | Tramline No. 9 going to St. George Place in center of town |
| 3. | Soseaua Stefan Cel Mare |
| 4. | Entrance to I. C. Frimu Flour Mill |

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| 5. | Road skirting the works |
| 6. | Bakery offices |
| 7. | Bakery |
| 8. | Mill offices |
| 9. | Mill |
| 10. | Silcs |
| 11. | Flour storage depot |
| 12. | Railway siding |
| 13. | Parking area for trucks coming to load bread |
| 14. | Total area of I. C. Frimu Flour Mill: 10-12,000 sq.
meters |

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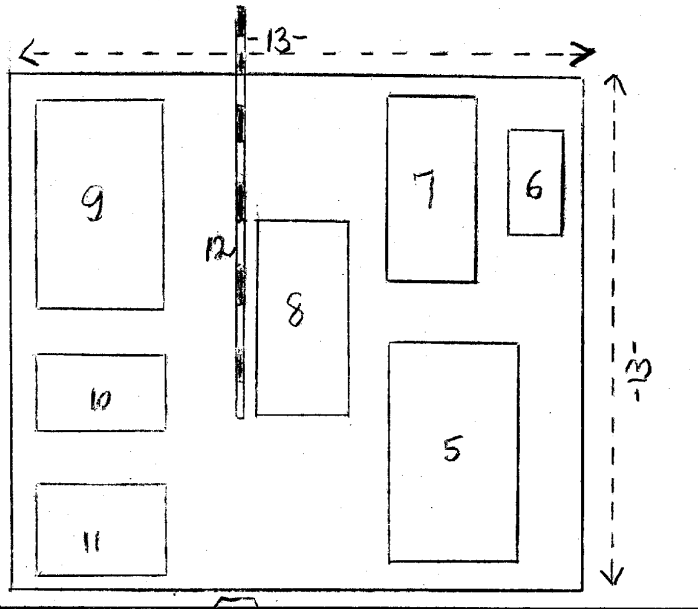
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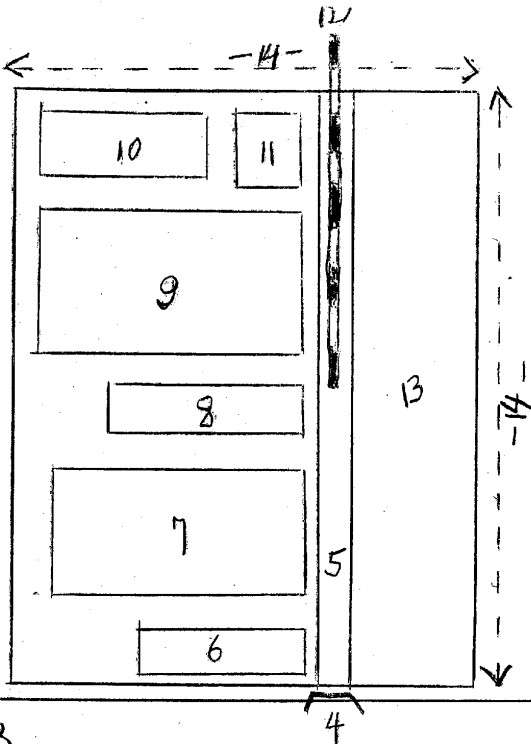
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Appendix 2



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